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Attorney Docket No. 04637/0200427-US0

First Inventor Michael E. Lopata

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2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3. Specification [Total Pages 12]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)

- Descriptive title of the invention
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- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 3]

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see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or
Computer Program (Appendix)

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10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of
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11. English Translation Document (if applicable)

12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS
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13. Preliminary Amendment

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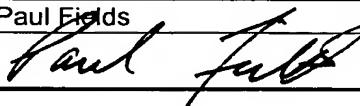
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